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#### **GRAND OPERA "EXCUSES."**

apparent bad faith with which the patrons were treated. They had gone to the Belasco to hear one of the, recognized and established stars of the operation.

The star was not forthcoming neither.

The star was not forthcoming neither to be apparent bad faith with which the patrons were that machinery, and it was expected to use siderable talk in favor of concerted that machinery to overcome the disposition of the people in favor of Roosevelt.

What happened in the primaries yesterday was a support of the source of great pleasure to the s was any satisfactory explanation.

the star attraction would not appear.

All this is not as it should be. Washington does real feelings. not pretend to be so large and populous as Chicago or New York, but it has a full quota of sincere the primaries, and would not be denied. They carlovers of high class music. They continue their sup- ried everything before them, and as a result the port in the face of many discouragements, of which State convention this week will elect twenty-two illogical. It is a well-accepted principle these repeated disappointments are striking ex- Roosevelt delegates, including the delegates at large, with the affirmative of a proposition. amples.

The impresario should keep faith with the people if he' expects them to continue their support. We cause it comes early in the fight, and because it will have had enough of the inevitable "excuses."

#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES "EXPERIMENTS."

Congress is slow about acting on public utility is not surprising; Congress has other business with which, on the whole, it manages reasonably to familiarize itself; but to become expert in municipal as well as national problems is to impose a great ment in the campaign to date. burden.

If some Congressional friend of Washington would summarize the public utility legislation of various States, and lay the facts before Congress, it would illumine the situation and help guide in the Roosevelt is fighting in this country as he plunges consideration of District legislation. California's splendidly into the contest in which he leads. Sooner new law for regulation of public service companies or later the Wall Street organs and the organs of the Republic both assert that they involve and stand there is practically no graft in the government itself. And neither immediate the principle of popular there is practically no graft in the government itself. And neither immediate the principle of popular the popular the principle of popular the popular is just taking effect. It was passed after long con- the Democracy will discover that the fog in which pension business! Yet I positively know diately nor remotely is that principle sideration and detailed study of experience; such they try to veil his attitude cannot hide the cause of and have been for years drawing near John D. BRADLEY. thorough study and consideration as Congress can- their hostility. not possibly find time to give.

to fix rates, make regulations of service, order ex- him cannot hide it from the people. He is in the to fix rates, make regulations of service, order extensions, dictate the quality of equipment, and determine the character, amounts, and conditions of issue of securities. Securities may only be issued after the commission's consent, and consolidations after the commission's consent, and consolidations after the people. He is in the field to do his utmost that the majority shall get rid of the rule of a small, tyrannous minority and have the human rights of democracy to which it is entitled.

It does not hide it from the people. He is in the field to do his utmost that the majority shall get rid of they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the age act became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the age act became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the age act became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the age act became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the "age act" became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the "age act" became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the "age act" became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the "age act" became a law! If this be true, then how did they get their pensions, unless by graft in some form? Because all pension laws (before the age act became a law) and the law applicants in the law applicants and th may be effected only with like consent.

the New York commission flatly refused its consent ernment. to the construction of a railroad across the State, on the New York Central for the sake of selling out to it. sonable rapidity.

If the public utility managers only understood regulation; if they would only realize that their bene- rule judicial decisions. fits are numerous and valuable, there would be less of unreasoning opposition to such legislation.

## THREE POSERS FOR THE WALRUS.

A series of inquiries from a reader in the State of Washington would indicate that every newspaper should keep a walrus, such as delights to talk of "ships and shoes and sealing wax and cabbages and the Wall Street organs, will not and cannot dispute. kings." Surely the man touches life at many angles who wants to know how to make his hair black and curly; how to become an artist, and then propounds the following:

when we try to put a bridle on him. Please tell me how to break him of this habit.

coal tar products which we might recommend as a velt and his policies. hair dye, and an ordinary crimping iron performs its office very well. So it is not so much a question as to what will dye and curl the hair as it is what will or what he is fighting for when he presses forward keep it so. And here modern science has practically failed us.

We shall have to have more definite information Usage has almost restricted the term artist to a class of stage players with twelve trunks of scenery from the mantua-makers and an occasional speaking part. Having this description in view, it would be mary, the Democrats are not as anxious as they pro- stay in the status quo, leaving England about five to one superior to Gerpractically impossible for Mr. an artist until he shall be born again.

habits of a mule is especially piquant, but it, too, is which they had no rights at all, to Senator La Follette. did isolation" for an enormous navy

difficult to answer without a further bill of particulars. The color of the mule for example. Criminologists and reform societies have reported instances where a white or quartz colored mule has been reformed, even after a wild youth in which he utterly refused to be bridled. Some observers maintain that this is due entirely to the greater age attained by the light complected mule. Discipline is merely one of the lessons learned with old age. The whole theory, however, is founded on the assumption that white mules never die, and in the matter of obstinacy it may be that they never resign.

So in the reform of our beasts of burden, as in the breeding of gondolas, it seems best to let nature take its course.

#### ROOSEVELT SWEEPS INDIANA.

The tremendous uprising of the plain people of Indiana, which yesterday swept its Republican State convention into control of the Roosevelt forces by an overwhelming majority, is as gratifying to the supporters of Colonel Roosevelt as it is shocking to the political demagogue.

He same scorn for the demagogue that he has for the corruptionist, etc., etc.

What supreme and unlimited scorn he must have for Theodore Roosevelt, the political demagogue.

B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY.

It violates no confidence whatever to say that LET PICTURE PLAY FAN the Taft people were perfectly sincere in their con-The patrons of grand opera in Washington are fidence that they would carry the State. They had beginning to wonder how much longer their patience peculiar advantages there which they do not enjoy and credulity are to be abused. The opportunity to to the same extent anywhere else. The Democrats commenced a crusade against the wearhear a Washington young woman take the leading are in control of the State government, and almost in theaters. New a hat is role in "Aida" yesterday afternoon was in itself en- the solid delegation in Congress. The old anti- but the same old hat nulsance still tirely welcome, but this was wholly aside from the Roosevelt machine is in complete domination of the flourishes in great shape in the numer-

What happened in the primaries yesterday was a "old hat" should revolt of the plain people, in such numbers and of perch in front of a picture screen If this were an isolated instance it would be a such force that the machine could not stand against different matter, but it was the climax of a series of disappointments. In each case it was not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the withstand the pressure that the whole people can be not until the with the obstruction as people can be not until the with the whole people can be not until the with the wit last moment that the announcement was made that bring when the machine, like a dam, holds back and denies expression, for a long enough period, of their

The dam in Indiana broke. The people went to To the Editor of THE TIMES: leaving only six for Taft.

Indiana happens to be peculiarly important begive great inspiration to the people in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and Illinois, adjoining States, with very similar conditions, to make the most of their fight for control. But aside from this, it is only symptomatic; it is merely a new testimonial of the symptomatic; it is merely a new testimonial of the legislation for Washington, largely because Congress strength and insistence of the movement to rebuke knows so little about this sort of legislation. That the self-constituted leaders who have so long and successfully imposed their will on the people, and pretended that it was the will of the people.

The Indiana result is the most important develop-

### THE GRIP OF THE MINORITY.

It is the grip of the minority which Theodore

Roosevelt is in this contest solely and absolutely ratings), and who brazenly assert that The California act gives the commission power in the cause of the people. Invective and abuse of the people the sin the this, too, long before the "age act" because of the people.

the effected only with like consent.

These provisions may seem drastic; yet they are rowed from States which have had full and sattetory experience with them; from Georgia, New rowed for example. Only recently the interests to attack the recall of decisions as "anarchy" and "revolution" and build up from their own ideas the figure of a "destroyer of the republic."

They insult the intelligence of the people. The peoborrowed from States which have had full and sat- "anarchy" and "revolution" and build up from their isfactory experience with them; from Georgia, New own ideas the figure of a "destroyer of the republic." York, and Wisconsin, for example. Only recently They insult the intelligence of the people. The peothe Georgia commission refused its consent to issuance of a huge volume of securities by a concern sions. They know it is no earthquake. They are engagements and had my hide performance of a huge volume of securities by a concern sions. They know it is no earthquake. They are that was consolidating water powers, cutting the is- not frightened by stage thunder hurled at it. They sue more than half; and a short time before that, know it is one item in a program of giving self-gov-

They know it is simply a proposal to give the the ground that it looked too much like an attempt people a real, instead of only a nominal, chance to to repeat the old "Nickel Plate" project of paralleling construe and amend a State constitution with rea-

They know that England and her colonies, France, that they get protection from proper laws, as well as Italy and Switzerland already have the right to over-

They know, without being reminded, of the minorities that are grabbing our coal deposits, our water powers and our harbor fronts; fattening on the sale of adulterated foods and drugs; standing behind monopolies and trusts, the sweat shops and the whole calendar of social and industrial injustica. calendar of social and industrial injustice.

They know it is this grip of the minority which the Democratic organs at work for Taft's nomination,

the Wall Street organs, will not and cannot dispute.

They realize now why it is that Roosevelt is opposing Taft, who is pushed forward by the selfish interests. They recognize it is the sober truth that terests. They recognize it is the sober truth that Mr. Taft has abandoned the great movement he was I own a mule who raises his head high in the air elected to carry forward, and that he openly joined with the men who had fought most bitterly against the Roosevelt policies, turning over to them for de-There are a great many preparations, such as the struction the men most closely identified with Roose-

> With this background, the everyday man needs apply it. no prejudiced tutor to tell him what Roosevelt means undeviatingly to see that the people have the chance to govern themselves.

It is the old minority and its grip he has learned as to the kind of artist our correspondent wishes to to distrust. If there is "revolution" coming, with unbecome, before we can asswer the second question. bossed, unsyndicated, unmanipulated popular gov- Churchill concerning England and Gerernment, he is willing to face it and help it on.

Judging from reports from the North Dakota pri- ships and also England, and let matters to become fess to be to have Colonel Roosevelt as the oppo- many in actual naval strength. At actically impossible for Mr. to become actically impossib

# TIMELY LETTERS TO THE TIMES MAIL BAG

Readers of The Times are invited to use this department as their own-to write freely and frankly with the assurance that no letter not objectionable in language will be denied publication. Letters must not, however, exceed 250 words in length, and must be written only on one side of the paper. Letters must bear the names and addresses of the writers, as evidence of good faith, but the names will not be made public without the consent of the contributors. Address MAIL BAG EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

#### **QUOTES ROOSEVELT** TRIBUTE TO MR. TAFT

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

"Theodore Roosevelt, in a remarkable speech, at Carnegie Hall last night, set forth with rare force and clearness,'

etc. etc.

This same man in 1509, in a letter to George Kohns, of Siontana, "set forth with rare force and clearness," said:
"The honest man of means, the honest and law-abiding business man, "set man in the honest man for the very fact that he has the same scorn for the demagogue that he has for the corruntionist," etc.

## DEAL WITH THE HAT

To the Editor of THE TIMES: Fifteen years ago the newspapers

#### THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON AFFIRMATIVE

The negative needs only to rebut the ase made by the affirmative. unbeliever, then, who is entitled to "positive proof," that religion is true. So go to it "Missouri," there are some others who want to be shown and it's up to you. Give some "positive proof" up to you. Give some "positive proof that the Christian religion—or any re-

Bring forward one solid, substantial,

## MANY DRAW PENSIONS

To the Editor of THE TIMES: and have been for years drawing pensions from the Government (at various they are enjoying perfect health, and in

### MAY PARTIALLY EXPLAIN HIGH COST OF LIVING

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

From President Taft's recent message o Congress it would seem that the savants are a bit puzzled as to the cause of the "high price of living." The following is merely suggestive; lack of

space prevents amplification. The reason why the average restaurant'will favor you with about an ounce of potatoes, and other edibles in pro-portion, for 25 cents, plus a tip to the waiter, is that the number of consumers are increasing more rapidly than the number of producers. Many of the lat-ter believe that there is still room at the top. The industrial fads and paranotic powers of persuasive press agents to the potential potato raisers and dairy maids to enter their exploited get-rich-quick affairs or genteel occupations.

where they, too, may hope to shine and a higher pay, and so on, ad infinitum. But what about the actual producers of the necessary food, clothing and shelter that humanity, in decency, needs, and the army of workers connected therewith? Does not so-called society treat them with marked indifference, if not with actual contempt? Why is their noble work considered drudgery, seeing toble work considered drudgery, seeing that many of them wish to avoid it and join the ranks of the parasites? Let us hear of a remdy, and how to apply it. DOGROBBER.

## AMERICAN NAVY ONLY

TO SATISFY JINGOES To the Editor of THE TIMES:

A morning paper had an editorial headed "The Dreadnought Rivalry," many. The same seems to agree that it would be a simple thing to settle the matter if Germany stopped building

that of playing the bully? There is no power on earth so foolish as to try what England so ignominously failed in doing in 1778 and 1812. It is practically an impossibility to conquer this country, the more so as any nation trying this would be thousands of miles for many condition of covering the earth?

THINKS SELF-RELIANCE

BETTER THAN CRUTE

'gathered into one place" and the "dry land to appear," have removed the boundaries and let them return to their of the Editor of THE TIMES:

Of the "lame, feeble, old man." in doing in 1776 and 1812. It is practically an impossibility to conquer this country, the more so as any nation trying this would be thousands of miles from its home. America is the only nation able to exist absolutely without commerce; it has also the most boundless resources. Why then a navy except for the satisfaction of the "jingoists?"

cept for the satisfaction of the "jingolsts?"

Germany, on the other hand, is dependent on its existence for a navy capable at any time of defending its commerce on which the nation lives, from attack, also its colonies. This attack will only come from a non-continental nation such as England, as continental nations would hardly care to try conclusions with the German army. Therefore Germany must have a powerful navy and if it does not have such, the life of the nation is placed in jeopardy. As for England—if that people would be content to live and let live, the whole trouble would be settled at once. But such statements as that of Churchill show the attitude of the people—and who wonders then that there is a constant irritation between two people that should be, the best of friends as they are of blood relation? Germany must have a powerful battle fleet to live, if for no other reason but for protection against England—America wants a powerful battle fleet to play the part of the bully. Will the people of this country permit that their money be used for such purposes?

HERBERT MAASS.

#### RECALL OF JUDGES AND KINDRED AGITATIONS"

To the Editor of THE TIMES: If he was correctly reported, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, in his argument in the contempt case of the labor leaders, on March 13, declared that "there is rife in the land now the theory that the people may determine the eternal principles of right and justice for themselves-that it is not for the courts, but the Christian religion is a myth. His that it is finally for the voice of the demand is rather unusual as well as illogical. It is a well-accepted principle of logic that the burden of proof rests with the affirmative of a proposition. heresy, the proclamation of which is "sowing seeds of rebellion," and which "it is the solemn duty of everybody concerned with the administration of heresy." justice to do everything in their power to stamp out immediately and destroy." We are told that this language "had

reference to the recall of judges and kindred agitation." country, is representative of the tude of those "concerned with the ministration of justice" in this cour ministration of justice" in this country, no wonder "the recall of judges and kindred agitation" increases and that growth will be accelerated, instead of retarded, by such deliverances. Do the opponents of "the recall of judges and Bring forward one solid, substantial, convincing, logical argument in favor of your belief that I cannot overthrow to the satisfaction of any intelligent person not similarly blinded by superstition and prejudiced by training as the majority of religious adherents whose letters have appeared in the Mail Bag, and I for one will admit your case.

WILFORD HASTINGS, I for one will admit your WILFORD HASTINGS.

DRAW PENSIONS

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The rocall of judges and kindred agitation" are not to be dealt with for what they are in reality—matters entirely of policy and expediency—but must be considered as issues of fundamental principle, then there can be no question, as indicated by the nature of the service of these who thus at

### SOME LOCAL EVIDENCE OF THE GREAT FLOOD

To the Editor of THE TIMES

About the beginning of this religious controversy there appeared a letter criticising the "flood" as not being "scientific," on the ground that enough rain could not have fallen in forty days to flood the earth. The writer could not have read his Bible very carefully, for there is no such claim made; but it is the United States of America to the stated that "the fountains of the great deep were broken up." Now if this ized land, and, again, the coming gendoubter will take a trip out Sixteenth erations will be better prepared for street beyond Florida avenue he will righting the wrong which we cannot, find evidence in the high bank along BEAUCLERE JAMEISON.

Church, 8 p. m.

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7:45 p. m.

6 street northwest, 8 p. m.

Presbyterian Church, 7:45 p. m.

Catholie Church, 7:80 p. m.

Christian Church, 7:45 p. m.

street northwest, 8 p. m.

Pythian Temple, 3 p. m.

Epiphany, 8 p. m.

Church, 7:30 p. m.

fornia, the Y. M. C. A., 3:30 p. m.

the Church of the Covenant, 8 p. m.

Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church, 8 p. m.

ropolitan Memorial M. E. Church, 8 p. m.

the First Congregational Church, 8 p. m.

Pleasant Congregational Church, 8 p. m.

boundaries and let them return to their former condition of covering the earth? Study nature before you criticise nature's divine book. No Christian is alarmed for the safety of his Bible; for in all ages little dogs have bark at the moon, but it shines on just the same. But it is for the tender minds and hearts of children, who have been carefully trained in these things, which are essential to a true life, even in this world. Therefore, is the greater condemnation to those who "offend (even) one of these little ones." I would rather scatter poisoned candy in the public schools than to write such "stuff" for the public press.

than to write such stoll to press.

Things, as well as men, are judged by what they do. There is not even one chapter in the Bible devoted to proving either its truth or the existence of God, for it is self-evident to the unprejudiced mind. It has made nations, but, above all, it has made men. So the unanswerable fact remains, after all argument has been exhausted: It works, yes, it works!

J. M. H.

#### SCIENTISTS ARE UNITED ON BIBLE TEACHING

To the Editor of THE TIMES

In the Mail Bag of the 21st inst, there

appears a letter by Albert S. Pierce, in which he says that "the correct solution of interpreting the Bible has not yet been found, or all difference would cease." To this statement permit me to reply that the correct METHOD of interpreting the Bible has long ago been found, but only a very few have adopted that method, and these are they who apply the scientific spirit and principle to the interpretation of all historic writings, the Bible belonging to this class. There is practically no difference as to what the Bible teaches; the schism is with uneducated ministers and other unqualified readers. While conversing with a person a few days ago upon how the various translations of the Bible contradict the traditional belief in its being the Word of God, I called attention to the changes made in the revised version. Although a zealous churchgoer, she did not know what the revised version is nor how it differs in hungers in the property of the state of the contraction of the contractio version is, nor how it differs in hun-dreds of cases from the King James version. Later I found that she had (unknowingly) a copy in the house. But what about her religious instructor, who is either ignorant of this fact or has not the courage to declare the truth, if he has it? Nowhere does the Bible claim to be specially inspired or to have the seal of infallibility. The belief that the Bible is the Word of God is an expression of ignorance of its contents and not founded on fact, although this belief is most common amongst well-meaning but uneducated ministers and churchgoers.
AN UNORTHODOX MINISTER.

## VOICING THE SENTIMENT

OF MRS. M. E. SCHEITLIN

Permit me to write my appreciation and to offer congratulation to Mrs. M. E. Scheitlin in behalf of her attitude respecting the colored race. I wish I could meet that dear, kind lady to thank her for those loving and tenderhearted words of hers in your Mail Bag on Monday. Her letter was a single price, and it seemed easier to give way to fleshly lusts than to fight the good fight. God is all powerful and His word is yea, and Amen. Moses cast his lot with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a sesson. Suppose that there is no eternity or punishment, I prefer to live the Christ life, so that I thall be on the safe side, rather than to awake in thought and action has the good wishes of every intelligent and ambitious

I am a British West Indian, brought up under the good old Anglo-Saxon tuition to respect, love, and obey, with no prejudice to creed, color, or natiouality. The negros are not locking for a seat at the white gentleman's table; they do not expect to occupy that gen-tleman's box-seat at the theater; the tleman's box-seat at the theater; the little that they ask why not give them with a pleasant smile? I wonder if the white people ever stop to consider that the educated negroes are storing up the educated negroes are storing up every injustice done to his color. I wonder if they are aware of the fact that this message is being carried from

Evening Services in the Churches

CONFIRMATION SERVICE-The bishop of Washington, St. Thomas'

"WILL WASHINGTON PEOPLE SEE JESUS?"-The Rev. E. Hez

"GOD'S OBLIVION"-The Rev. J. J. Muir, the Temple Baptist Church,

"THE POLITICAL PREACHER"-The Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, the

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON ITALY—The Rev. Albert Clot, the First

"THE ALL-CONQUERING CHRIST"-The Rev. Bernard G. Braskamp,

"SOVEREIGNTY AND SERVICE"-The Rev. Joseph M. M. Gray, the

"THE NEW SONG"-The Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, the Foundry M. E.

"CASH AND CREDIT"-The Rev. James Shera Montgomery, the Met-

"JESUS, PETER, AND JUDAS"—Mgr. William T. Russell, St. Patrick's

"THE REFORMATION IN FRANCE"-The Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow,

"PROPORTION IN RELIGION"-The Rev. Frank J. Goodwin, the Mt.

CHRISTIAN UNION"-The Rev. R. W. Abberley, the Vermont Avenue

"A FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MEN AND RELIGION-ITS PROP-

"THE TRUE AMERICAN CITIZEN"-Senator John D. Works of Call.

"SPIRITUALITY AND PSYCHISM"-Mrs. J. B. McGovern, 1012 I

"AMERICA IN 1950"-James Hugh Keeley, the Secular League, the

"THE BIBLE UNIQUE AMONG THE LITERATURES OF THE

"BACK TO THE OLD PATHS"-The Memorial Seventh Day Adventist

BISHOP SATTERLEE COMMEMORATION SERVICES-The Rev.

George F. Dudley, St. Stephen's Church, 8 p. m.

WORLD"-The Rev. Randolph H. McKim, the Church of the

Sixteenth and Corceran streets northwest, 7:30 p. m.

ER BASES"-The Rev. George Lawrence Allbutt, the New Church,

TEMPERANCE RALLY-Sixth Presbyterian Church, 3:45 p. m.

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7:45 p. m.

Swem, the Capital Baptist Church, Typographical Temple, 423-425

## BETTER THAN CRUTCHES

Of the "lame, feeble, old man," who

walks with the crutches of religious belief, I would ask what made him so. Is it not that same miserable, broken pair of crutches that has taken away his independence had self-reliance, destroyed his freedom and made him the pitiful object that you see, trembling with fear, blinded by superstition and subject to fits of passionate ruge when told that he can walk alone?

No more apt illustration wald have been chosen by the writer two asks whether anyone would want to take those crutches away. By all means take them away. They are poor support at best. Teach him that he can walk erect, that he can throw aside fear, superstition, and fawning, and rely on his own manhood, true to him-self and the highest ideals of noble character.

Fear is the origin of religion. Primi-tive peoples feared what they did not understand, ascribing natural phenomeunderstand, ascribing natural phenomena to malignant spirits or devils Fear made them cripples. They leaned upon a crooked stick. The years nave developed the primitive theology to its present stage, but the underlying motive still is fear-fear, that weakens and enfeebles—and theology's latest development is truly likened to a miserable pair of crutches.

Throw away the crutches by all means, but do not ask something in their place, for then you would be no better off. Belleve in yourself, in your youth and health and strength. Then you can walk alone.

walk alone. WILFORD HASTINGS.

### SHOULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE BIBLE ON FAITH

To the Editor of THE TIMES: Seeing that your Mail Bag column is open to the public. I have availed myself article published under the head, "Former Theolog Couldn't Believe Bible." He states: "Having been a follower

of the Lamb, also of his satanic majesty," etc. Let me say that it is impossible to be a follower of the Lamb without conversion first. Christ says. in John, 3-7, "Marvel not ye must be born again." If he studied for a teacher for foreign missions the first step required is conversion, which would be a sincere desire to follow Jesus, nothing doubting. He gave up the work because he consciously felt that he couldn't believe the Bible. Hethat he couldn't believe the Bible. He-brew, 11-6: "Without faith it is im-possible to please God." If he had been sincere and had been willing to follow Christ's teachings, he would have ac-cepted the Bible as God's word, believ-ing. Hence a changed heart, and Satan would not have been able to overthrow him and make him contented to feed upon husks. He lost the enjoyment be-cause he was unwilling to pay the price, and it seemed easier to give way to ileshly justs than to fight the good fight Bag on Monday. Her letter was so attractive, so interesting, so brilliantly expressed that I am tempted to ray that a white lady of such leading thought and action has the good where the safe side, rather than to awake in eternity at last, and be one of those unsaved ones who will cry for the rocks that a white lady of such leading thought and action has the good where A BIBLE CHRISTIAN.

#### CANNOT KNOW DESPAIR SUFFERED BY NEGRO

To the Editor of THE TIMES One reason given by "Sojourner" for advocating "Jim Crow" cars is that the negro is ashanied of his color. Ans wering, "Truth" averred that the whole had not been given, since the American negro alone is ashamed of being black It is quite natural that a person with out peering in should be ignorant of some very important proceedings with in, although he thinks he sees and hears all. No man will give credence

in, although he thinks he sees and hears all. No man will give credence to statements of another that the other knows more of the former's family affairs than the former himself knows. Such is the case in regard to above mentioned writers. The former spoke at random with no regard for truth. The latter was very "wise" and offered facts which the other cmitted. Really, instead of "Truth" I 'hink he should have signed "Part Truth."

Neither told the whole truth. They are both without peering in. They are either totally ignorant (and how can they be if they be American chizens), or too prejudiced to relate facts concerning more private affairs in negro life. I am within, and know.

When blacks were made to do work of beasts it was natural that that remusant should be lowered in estimation of other races. They were taught to consider thomselves inferior, debased, brutalized. They were made to believe that God created but one pure and great people, who is white. It was common to associate all things base, foul, infernal, with black.

For more thun 20 years such was instilled in their minds. The damned branch thus grafted grew and became a part of their nature.

My friend, you are beyond the pale of us who suffer. None of your race in America has endured burdens to nearly approach what mine dally endures. You do not know, the depths of bitter despair that ever confronts the average negro striving to rise.

rise.
It is not because he is ashamed of his color, although he was taught to be, but because the darker his skin the more powerful the bar that breaks his frail strength striving to reach those things to which the nearts of all men

In America to be black is to be cursed EUGENE F. GORDON.

#### PURE FOOD EXPERT ANALYZED TAFT'S SMILE

To the Editor of THE TIMES: Where, oh where, is Doctor Wiley, Who has fought since eight-three Till the reign of Bill the Smiley For pure food for you and me?

Quite a spell of tedious fighting-Eighty-three to 1912— Common people's wrongs a-righting, Now they think our man to shelve

Must we swallow blended whisky, Storage food so germy that When injected it's so risky As to kill a healthy cat?

This whole matter gets us riley-Other chemists can find germs But it takes our Doctor Wiley To bring business nien to terms

Bill the Highbrow claims to like him, We cannot believe that's so, Or why did the lightning strike him, Why did William let him go?

Was it not because our Wiley

Analyzed that winning smile—
Stock in trade of Bill the Smiley—
And pronounced it full of guilt?
FRANK TAYLOR, JR.